

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 74

By Gillespie

A RESOLUTION to honor Morgan Cox on his outstanding career in the National Football League.

WHEREAS, we are pleased to recognize a Collierville native and University of Tennessee (UT) alumni who excelled throughout an eleven-year career in the National Football League (NFL); and

WHEREAS, Morgan Cox was a walk-on long snapper for the UT Volunteers football team after graduating from Evangelical Christian School in Cordova; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cox was the Vols' long snapper for three seasons (2007-2009) and earned an athletic scholarship from UT prior to the 2008 season; a gifted scholar, he earned Academic All-SEC honors from 2006-2009; and

WHEREAS, an undrafted free agent following the 2010 NFL draft, Morgan Cox signed with the Baltimore Ravens in 2010 and soon became a starter as the team's long snapper; and

WHEREAS, he played his entire eleven-year career with one team, a rare accomplishment in the NFL, and ranks seventh all-time in Ravens history with 165 games played; and

WHEREAS, Morgan Cox and his fellow Ravens specialists, kicker Justin Tucker and punter Sam Koch, played together for nine seasons and are affectionately known as The Wolfpack; and

WHEREAS, he executed his assignment as Baltimore's long snapper with distinction; Morgan Cox was named to the Pro Bowl four times (2015, 2016, 2019, and 2020), and this year, he became the first long snapper ever named to an All-Pro team; and

WHEREAS, the ultimate achievement for any NFL player is a Super Bowl ring; Morgan Cox earned that honor as a member of the 2012 Baltimore Ravens team that won Super Bowl XLVII and the NFL Championship; and

WHEREAS, Morgan Cox has earned his rightful place among the best long snappers of all-time as a four-time Pro Bowl honoree, the first long snapper to be named All-Pro, and 2012 Super Bowl champion, and he is worthy of our approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor Collierville native and UT graduate Morgan Cox on his outstanding eleven-year career in the National Football League and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.